IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Original) A self-repair process for repairing an insulation material comprising:
- a) applying a plurality of microcapsules to the insulation material, said plurality of microcapsules including a first reactant and a second reactant;
- b) rupturing said plurality of microcapsules such that said first reactant and said second reactant react to form a replacement polymer.
- 2. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 1, whereby said first reactant or said second reactant is selected from the group comprising a monomer, a catalyst, a reactant of a condensation polymer, a fusible polymer and a chemical heater.
- 3. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 2, whereby said first reactant and said second reactant are a reactant of a condensation polymer.
- 4. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 3, whereby said first reactant is a dianhydride and said second reactant is a diamine.
- 5. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 2, whereby said first reactant is a fusible polymer and said second reactant is a chemical heater.
- 6. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 5, whereby said fusible polymer is a polyfluorocarbon.
- 7. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 1, whereby said first reactant and said second reactant are disposed within a single microcapsule.

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8. (Original) The self-repair process of claim 7, whereby said first reactant and said

second reactant are separated by a polymer shell.

9. (Original) The self-repairing process of claim 8, whereby said single

microcapsule comprises a reactant core including said first reactant and a reactant shell

including said second reactant, said reactant shell surrounding said reactant core.

10. (Original) The self-repairing process of claim 1, whereby each of said plurality of

microcapsules has a size of 5-500 µm.

11. (Original) The self-repairing process of claim 1, whereby said replacement

polymer is formed in a break in said insulation material.

12. (Withdrawn) A self-healing system comprising, a repair material including a

plurality of microcapsules, said plurality of microcapsules including a first reactant and a

second reactant that react to form a replacement polymer upon rupturing of said plurality

of microcapsules.

13. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 12, whereby said repair material is

an insulation material.

14. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 12, whereby said repair material is

a strip of material.

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- 15. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 14, whereby said strip of material is a plastic strip.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 12, whereby said first reactant and said second reactant are disposed within a single microcapsule.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 16, whereby said first reactant and said second reactant are separated by a polymer shell.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 17, whereby said single microcapsule comprises a reactant core including said first reactant and a reactant shell including said second reactant, said reactant shell surrounding said reactant core.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 12, whereby said first reactant is a dianhydride and said second reactant is a diamine.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 12, whereby said first reactant is a polyfluorocarbon and said second reactant is a chemical heater.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The self-healing system of claim 12, whereby said first reactant or said second reactant is selected from the groups comprising a monomer, a catalyst, a reactant of a condensation polymer, a fusible polymer and a chemical heater.